

ton, Bream Memorial, \$79.01; Davis Memorial, \$30; Frankford L. M. Society, \$3; Hendricks Sabbath School, \$2.56; Huntersville, \$10; Kanawha, Salines H. M. Society, \$15; Milton, \$12; "A Friend," \$300. Total, \$453.82. Total to date, \$4,975.73.

**Various States**—Mrs. N. M. Alexander, New Jersey, \$10; Mrs. Anna W. Ludlow, Pennsylvania, 10; Mrs. F. M. Rogers, Indiana, \$10; Miss Charlotte E. Stirling, California, \$15. Total, \$45. Total to date, \$387.

**Miscellaneous**—Total to date, \$100.

The gifts to date to meet this proposition have come from these sources: Churches, \$16,281.83; Sabbath Schools, \$1,431.17; Societies, \$4,822.50; individuals, \$26,525.67; miscellaneous, \$100. Total, \$49,161.17.

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#### ATLANTA'S VICTORY.

The Southeastern Fair Association held a fair in Atlanta extending over Sunday, October 15th. The Executive Council of the Association planned to have the fair opened on Sunday. The Ministerial Evangelical Association of the city took the matter up, secured the aid of a large group of leading business men in making an earnest protest against this desecration of the Sabbath day. Under the pressure thus brought to bear upon them the Executive Council yielded and decided to keep the fair closed on that day. The action taken in the matter shows that they did not do this willingly, but only because they felt obliged to do it, or else lose the support of the Christian people of the city. The following paper states their position in the matter:

"Whereas, the request of the Ministerial Evangelical Association to close the fair on Sunday, October 15, is submitted to the Executive Council,

motion was introduced and carried as follows:

"That while it is against the judgment of the Executive Council to close the fair on Sunday, October 15, and

"Whereas, it was decided by the Executive Council to open on that day solely because the matter was presented to them as the request of the preferred stockholders as a called meeting, and said request was based primarily on the idea of enabling the many thousands of citizens in Fulton county and adjacent territory to visit the fair on that day, many being unable to leave their places of business during the week without loss of time and compensation, and the would, therefore, lose the educational value for which the Southeastern Fair stood.

"But, yielding to the urgent request of the members of the Ministerial Evangelical Association and their friends, it is decided to close the fair on Sunday, October 15, but we believe it will be of great financial loss, and for that reason we earnestly insist that those who have endorsed the closing of the fair on Sunday lend their aid toward making the fair a success by their attendance, by their support and by their purchasing of tickets."

Rev. Dunbar H. Ogden, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, was the chairman of the committee appointed to present the request of the Ministerial Association. After the fair authorities had taken the above action he addressed the following letter to the ministers:

"To the Ministers of Atlanta:

"Your committee, together with a large group of leading business men of the city, met with the Executive Council of the Southeastern Fair on Tuesday, October 10, and requested them not to open the fair grounds on Sunday.

"We were received in a most cordial way, and the meeting was entirely harmonious. Our plea was against the demoralization and commercialization of the Christian Sabbath, which as a day of rest and of worship has meant so much in the making of the moral character of our city.

"I am glad to report to you that the Executive Council acceded to our request, and that the fair will be entirely closed on Sunday.

"In the course of our discussion the president of the Fair Association told us of the earnest effort being made to eliminate every objectionable feature. As illustrations, he said that no bookmaking would be allowed in connection with the race track, and no indecent dancing in the amusement concessions.

"We recognize that in the conduct of an enterprise of this sort it is difficult to keep out all objectionable features, but we rejoice in this assurance that the officials of the fair are seeking to reduce them to a minimum.

"We ask you to co-operate actively in making the fair a success, and to give the widest publicity to the action of the Council touching the Sunday closing.

"Yours respectfully,

"Dunbar H. Ogden, Chairman."

Dr. Ogden and his committee, indeed all the people of the great city of Atlanta are to be most heartily congratulated in their victory over the attempt to desecrate and commercialize the Sabbath. We believe that the Christian people of any community can prevent any such violation of the sanctity of the Lord's Day if they will just get together and make their influence felt. There is no point where it is more needed today.

#### OUT OF TWO SHIPWRECKS CAME FOUNTAIN BEQUEST.

Two sturdy bronze fountains each with four bubbling "springs" whereat men, women and children may quench their thirst, and a lower bowl from which dogs may drink, were presented recently to the city by the Richland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in the name of Mrs. Isabelle D. Stafford, a native of Ireland, who was for a number of years a resident of Columbia and who in her will left money for this purpose. One fountain is placed on the southeastern corner of Main and Gervais streets, just within the capitol grounds; the other is at the southwestern intersection of Main and Blanding streets, almost directly beneath the apartment in which Mrs. Stafford lived all the time Columbia was her home.

Interesting and appropriate exercises were held around the fountain on the capitol grounds, Hunter A. Gibbes, president of the S. P. C. A., making a pleasant address in turning the gift over to the city, and Mayor Griffith responding graciously in accepting the fountains. Miss Howie, secretary of the S. P. C. A., turned the lever that sent the first stream of water flowing through the fountain and immediately numbers of persons pressed forward for a drink.

The fountains bear the simple inscription: "Presented by Isabelle Stafford."

Members of the society, several of the city fathers and others who had gathered for the exercises were joined by numbers who paused casually to find out what was taking place and remained through interest in what they saw and heard. An especial guest of the society was Mrs. Louisa Logan, widow of the late Charles Logan, who left in his will funds for the support of the S. P. C. A. Mayor Griffith referred to her presence and Mr. Gibbes in his address called attention to the fact that the only two persons who ever contributed any money to the Richland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in furtherance of its good work were natives of Ireland

—Mrs. Stafford and Mr. Logan. "If the dumb animals of this community could talk, surely they would shout in grand chorus, 'God bless the Irish,'" exclaimed the speaker.

Mr. Gibbes told the somewhat dramatic story of the late Mrs. Stafford's life and pointed to the double meaning and peculiar appropriateness of this her gift to Columbia. When, as a girl of 15, Mrs. Stafford, then Isabelle Alexander, left her home in the north of Ireland, in 1846, to visit friends in Boston, she was shipwrecked in a storm off the coast of Newfoundland. She was among 30 of the passengers who managed to reach the coast where, half dead with cold and fatigue, she and her companions were rescued by the trained Newfoundland dogs belonging to a remote life saving station. Thereafter she cherished a deep appreciation of the noble qualities of these four footed friends of man and, as Mr. Gibbes said, she acquired the habit of acting the Good Samaritan to the homeless dog. When she left Newfoundland to continue her interrupted journey, by strange coincidence, she was again shipwrecked. This time she came near dying of thirst, and she carried through her life a horror of the sensation of suffering for want of water.

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Mrs. Stafford married an American. The two came to Columbia from Philadelphia about 1892. She survived him by several years and died September 11, 1911, having reached the age of almost 80 years.—Columbia, S. C., State.

When we go home at night from work for God too tired to pray, we have robbed God of that which He needed most to bring things to pass.—W. E. Doughty.

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